

Environmental Health Services Division Frequently Asked Questions

How do I obtain a food handler permit?

Individuals must successfully complete a state approved food handler training course and pass a state approved exam in order to receive their food handler permit. A score of 75% is required on the exam in order to pass the food handler training and be issued a permit.

When and where are the Davis County Food Handler Training courses offered?

Due to the increasing popularity and convenience of online food handler trainings, the Davis County Health Department no longer offers a regularly scheduled food handler training in English. If classroom training is preferred, there are other <u>approved classes</u> available. The health department will try to accommodate any request to teach the English food handler training to groups of ten (10) or more people.

Food handler trainings in Spanish are still offered on the 1^{st} and 3^{rd} Fridays each month at 9:00 a.m. Courses are taught at the Health Department Building located at 22 South State Street in Clearfield in room #2023. Please call 801-525-5120 to confirm all dates and times.

Are there any approved food handler permit courses available online?

Yes. A list of approved online trainings can be found using the link in the Resources section below.

How do I sign up for the Davis County Food Handler Training?

It is preferable to pre-register for the class by calling 801-525-5120. You may also register inperson any time prior to the start of class. Please arrive 10-15 minutes early to allow yourself sufficient time to complete the registration process if you plan to register the day of the class.

How long is the food handler training?

All approved food handler trainings are required to be a minimum of 75 minutes. The exam will begin immediately after the training. The exam consists of 40 multiple choice questions.

How much does a food handler permit cost?

The cost is \$25 for all approved food handler courses. This includes the cost of the training, the examination, and the cost of the permit.

I lost my food handler permit. How can I get a replacement?

If you listed an address within Davis County when you originally took the food handler training then our office can assist you in obtaining a replacement permit. However, they will first need to find your information in our database. You will then have to come to our office, show identification and pay a \$10 fee in order to be re-issued a permit. If you lived outside of Davis County when you took your food handler training you will need to contact that local health department.

What happens if I do not pass the exam?

Individuals who take the in-person class offered at the health department are allowed two (2) retests with the initial payment. After two (2) re-tests, the applicant must pay for and receive another food handler training from any of the approved providers.

Will I get my food handler permit the same day I pass the exam?

Individuals who receive the training at the health department will receive their permit immediately upon passing the exam. Those who take the training from an online provider will be

issued a food handler certificate that is valid for 30 days. A food handler permit will be mailed to them prior to the certificate expiring.

How long can a food service employee work before they have to obtain a food handler permit?

Employees must complete a food handler training and receive a certificate or permit within 14 days of their initial employment. However, no food handling may take place until they have taken an approved food handler training.

How long is my food handler permit valid?

Food handler permits are valid for three (3) years from the date the exam is passed. A food handler must obtain a new food handler permit within seven (7) days of the expiration date on an existing permit.

I can't attend any of the in-person classes and I don't have internet access. What are my options?

Individuals that do not have access to a computer or the internet may take an online course at the health department. Computers are available anytime Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. There are two (2) separate fees that must be paid for this service.

- o First, a \$2 fee must be paid to Davis County for providing computer access.
 - Please note: Many public libraries provide free internet access.
- Second, a \$25 payment must be made to the online training provider.

Who should keep my food handler permit, me or my employer?

Employees are required to present their food handler permit at the request of a health inspector. Each food service establishment, however, is also required to maintain copies of the food handler permits of each employee. These copies must be made available at the request of the health department.

Resources

Entity	Resource or Reference
	Food Handler Training Providers
	http://health.utah.gov/epi/community/sanitation/foodSafety/foodH
	<u>andler list.pdf</u>